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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 8, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 8, 2009, the present Response being submitted two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action (i.e. on March 9, 2009, March 8, 2009 falling on a Sunday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Office Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a Listing of the Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.